

REMARKS

Requirement for Election of Species

The Office Action requests election of one of the following single disclosed species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Species A - directed to insertion molding; and

Species B - directed to co-extruding.

Traverse

Applicant submits that the Examiner has not provided sufficient rationale for limiting examination to either insertion molding or co-extruding. In the context of the present technology, the methods are related insofar as each may be used to obtain the thermoplastic elastomeric compositions. Moreover, the Examiner has not provided a rationale as to why separate searches would be required, or that such searches would be an undue burden. Thus, Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement, and requests examination of all claims.

Election of Species

Applicants hereby elect insertion molding. Claims reading on the elected species include Claims 1-4, 8-20, 29-36 and 38-43.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that a complete and responsive reply to the election of species has been made and that all pending claims are patentable. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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